

July 13, 2014: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

— Mt 13:22-23

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, July 13 (Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23)

8:00 am- For our Parish Family
10:30 am- Henry & Sylvia Kallus

Monday, July 14, USA: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1)

7:00 am- Dorothy & Douglas Mertz
10:00 am- Yvonne & Donnie Muska (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, July 15, St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24)

7:00 am- Louis & Anna Krenek

Wednesday, July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27)

7:00 am- Raymond & Margaret Fojt
8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Alfons & Cecilia Grahmann Family

Thursday, July 17 (Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30)

7:00 am- Jim & Rosalie Kubicek
10:00 am- Olga Haas & Lucille Etzler (Stevens)

Friday, July 18, St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest (Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8)

7:00 am- Robert Kloppenberg
8:05 am- John & Mary Michna

Saturday, July 19 (Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21)

5:30 pm- Deacon Linard & Dorothy Harper's 56th Anniversary & Deacon Linard Harper's 37th Anniversary of Ordination

Sunday, July 20, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30)

8:00 am- Alois & Arlyn Leopold
10:30 am- George E. Bujnoch

Bulletin Sponsor: Arley & Betty Schulte in honor of their 45th Anniversary.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Leo & Evelyn Hoffer in memory of Don & Willie Mae Peterson.

Vigil Light: Special intention for recovery.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,995.50; Peters Pence-\$534; Building Repair Fund-\$1,989; Loose-\$1,503; Children's-\$34.

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend are in memory of Lawrence & Eunice Christ by the family of Lee Roy Christ.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 14

-Farewell Social for Fr. Daniel, 7:00 p.m., Family Center

TUESDAY, JULY 15

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 am, K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
-New Altar Server Training, 10am-12pm, Church.
-Serra Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Jalisco's Café.
-K.C. Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K. C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

-New Altar Server Training, 10am-12pm, Church.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Vivian Janak, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Lisa Grissom, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Georgia Schaefer, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Russell Janak, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Terry Mitchon Bludau, Amanda Gutierrez, Melissa Pilat, Becky Pekar, Victor Vasek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Kynlee Klekar, Jack Crandall, Theresa Hemmi, Gary Trojcek, Georgie Henke, Harold Bonorden, Jennifer Mojica, Jerry Novosad, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Johnny Steffek, Louise Pesek, nursing home residents, and the homebound.

Happy Anniversary!

Wayne & Leah Rother	30 years	July 14
Guthrie & Beverly Blahuta	45 years	July 19
Deacon Linard & Dorothy Harper	56 years	July 19

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Hilda Gonzales* and *Edward Biehunko* of our parish family; and, *Annette Fajkus*, sister of Judy Werner, Frank and Lonnie Jares. *May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

Drawing for a 2014 Polaris Ranger Crew 570 (seating for 4) with 12 ft. Maxey Single Axle Trailer and 13 additional prizes will be held at the Sacred Heart Fall Picnic on August 31. Tickets are \$35 each or 3 for \$100 and are available for purchase at the Rectory.

Mini-Twirl Camp, July 21-24, 9am-12noon, SHCS Gym, K-8th Gr. Becky McElroy 772-6674 or 798-3088.

Mini-Cheer Camp, July 28-30, 9am-12noon, SHCS Gym, for PreK4 & up. Debi Bludau 798-6842.

Raffle Prizes are needed for our Fall Picnic. If you are able to donate a prize, please call or come by the Rectory

Area Church Picnics:

July 20: Ascension of Our Lord Parish Picnic, Moravia. Holy Mass 10am. Stew & Kettle Fried Chicken 11am (dine-in or drive-thru). Auction 1pm. Bingo, cake walk, country store, plant walk & games. Music by Mark Halata & Texavia and Texas Sound Czech.

Lone Star Bluegrass Music Festival, July 25-26, hosted by the Hallettsville Knights of Columbus & Central TX Bluegrass Assoc. The lineup of performers includes some of the most popular & sought after bands in the U.S.



Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!

From the Desk of Msgr. John

We will have a farewell social for Fr. Daniel on Monday evening, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. All are invited. We thank Fr. Daniel for his service for the past year.



Today, Sunday, I will be having my family reunion at the farm.

We will have Altar Server Training for **new altar servers** on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in church from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day. You may come **either** day. This is for those who would like to be new servers who will be entering the Fifth Grade this year on up through High School. This is for those young people at Sacred Heart School and those in the CCD program. Just show up at 10:00 a.m. either day. You will finish by noon.

The Million Rosaries Report – It was very impressive. Our goal this year was 500 rosaries prayed for the unborn, but we actually had a total of 759 rosaries prayed! Deacon Linard Harper asked his priest friend in another country for prayers and they prayed 237 rosaries. Our students and teachers at Sacred Heart School prayed 330. Awesome! Since this movement was organized by the St. Michael the Archangel Organization four years ago, our parish prayed a combined total of 2,049 rosaries – 332 in 2011, 486 in 2012, 472 in 2013 and 759 in 2014. We thank Deacon Joey Targac and Deacon Linard Harper for promoting this program.

Christian Mothers Society installation of new members, Wednesday, July 23. Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by reception in the Family Center. Members are to bring sandwiches, chips, dips or dessert. Drinks will be provided. The Society emphasizes the dignity of Motherhood and helps the members spiritually, intellectually and socially. Dues are \$10 per year. If interested in joining, please call Barbara Grahmann at 798-4167. (Present members may pay their \$10 dues at the reception or mail them to Alta Brown, 663 C. R. 135, Hallettsville. Make checks payable to Christian Mothers)

YOUTH NEWS: Our students recently took a trip to Louisiana for a National Youth Conference and had an experience that made a great impact on their lives. Apart from the awesome opportunity to pray and partake of the sacraments daily (by itself awesome) they also got to learn from some great speakers. One of whom was a nationally known priest, Father Leo Pattalinghug, who shared some outstanding insights into the Christian life. He also wowed them with ninja skills, singing, and breakdancing. We give many thanks to those who took part in the event as well as those who donated and prayed for us. Our next year of events is just around the corner. We will keep in touch as we prepare for another great year.

 **Falling Leaves Gala featuring The Original Triumphs, Saturday, Oct. 11, 5:30-11:00 p.m., K. C. Hall, Hallettsville.** 

Tickets on sale now! Only 400 tickets will be sold. \$100 per couple includes a rib-eye steak dinner for two, open bar, dance and prizes (Grand prize \$4,000). Tickets may be purchased at the Knights of Columbus Hall or online at www.kchall.com and click on the Falling Leaves tab. For more information, call 361-798-2311.

Schedule of God's Embrace Renewal Centers First Year Program: Victoria Diocese Chancery, Mondays; Eagle Lake-Parish of the Nativity Hall, Tuesdays; Hostyn-Queen of Holy Rosary Church Hall, Tuesdays; High Hill-St. Mary, Thursdays. The Programs meet twice a month from 6:30-9:00 p.m. beginning in August. If interested in participating, contact Sandy Reese at 979-541-6881 or sandy.reese@godsembrace.org.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – "Hear then the parable of the sower." With His analogy of the sower and the seed, Jesus gives us four images to help us gauge the depth of our spiritual maturity. What kind of "soil" does our faith exist in? Are we fruitful Christians? Does our seed yield as much as it could?

The first image is of the seed that fell on the path. This describes those who hear about Christianity "without understanding it." Nothing can grow, nothing can blossom at this level. We should ask ourselves if we have taken the time to be sure we understand the faith we practice. Are we stuck at a superficial level, allowing stereotypes, popular opinion, or media distortions to "steal away" the richness of the Catholic faith?

Perhaps we have been properly educated in the teachings of the faith, but our commitment has been fickle. Are we the seed on the rocky ground that "has no root and lasts only for a time"? Have we experienced difficulties in the practice of our faith that have led us to become indifferent? Have we found it just too troublesome to bring our faith into our everyday lives?

Or have we heard the word, but allowed it to be choked by "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches"? Do we appreciate Christianity but fail to make the sacrifices that it requires? Are we more interested in a comfortable life than anything else?

Many of us have sampled these stages at different times. But ultimately, our goal as Christians is to be "the seed sown on rich soil." We are called to be open to hearing the word, to seek to understand it, and to allow it to take firm root in our hearts. When we do this, the seed of our own faith can produce a rich harvest for the world.

What kind of "soil"
does *our* faith exist in?

